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For: **SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL
BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND
SURGICAL ACCESS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In advance of the first examination in this case, Applicants request amendment of the subject application, as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend
Page 1, line 4, please insert the following paragraph:

This is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/286,714, filed April 5, 1999 entitled SURGICAL BARRIER DEVICE INCORPORATING AN INFLATABLE THERMAL BLANKET WITH A SURGICAL DRAPE TO PROVIDE THERMAL CONTROL AND SURGICAL ACCESS.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 2-57.

Please add the following claims:

58. (Added) A combination for use during surgery on a person, comprising:

a flexible base sheet;

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a material sheet attached to a first surface of the base sheet by a plurality of seals to form an inflatable portion with a periphery, the inflatable portion having a periphery;

a plurality of apertures through the base sheet within the periphery; and